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Applicant : Henry Ptasinski, et al.
Application No. : 09/619,553
Filed : July 19, 2000
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VERIFYING CONNECTIVITY AMONG
NODES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Grp./Div. : 2153
Examiner : John R. Brancolini

Docket No. : 39630/RJP/B600

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September 14, 2004

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	44	*44	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	4	** 4	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 12, 43 and 54						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

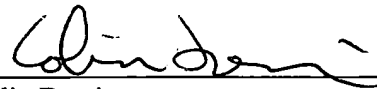
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_____ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 29, 2004, please enter the amend in the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.